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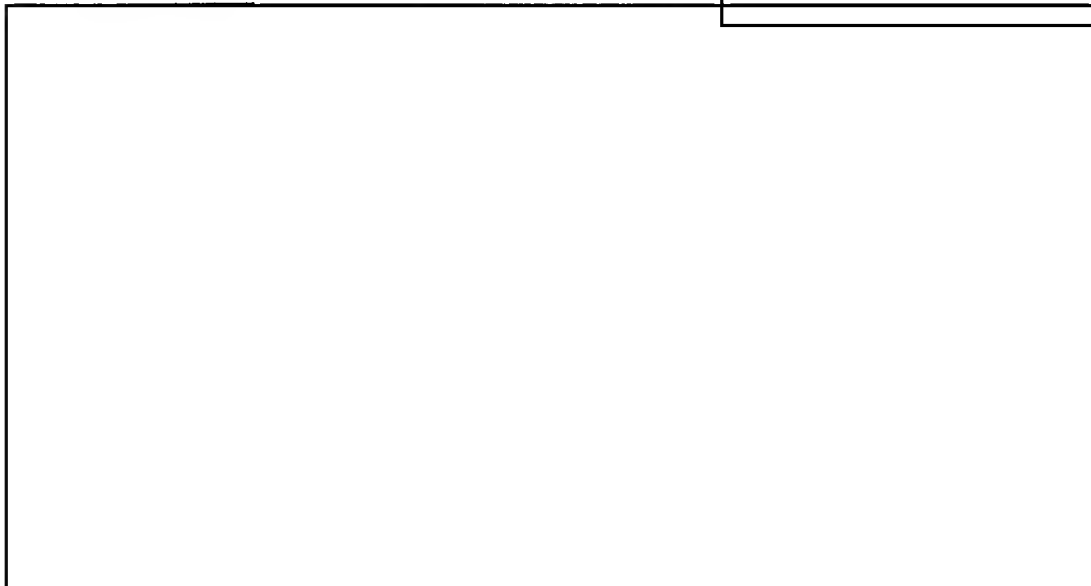
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USSR-BERLIN: Soviet Ambassador Abrasimov has raised the possibility of autobahn harassment if the scheduled meeting of the Bundestag Inner-German Relations Committee takes place in West Berlin tomorrow and Friday. He voiced this threat at a luncheon following Monday's four-power meeting on Berlin. The East German Foreign Ministry had previously protested the Bundestag meeting, and Moscow appears to be putting itself in position to support some East German reaction against West German traffic.

25X1 [REDACTED] AMBASSADOR RUSH REPORTED THAT CHANCELLOR BRANDT RECOGNIZES THE UNUSUAL SENSITIVITY OF THE MEETING, WHICH WILL NEARLY COINCIDE WITH SOVIET PARTY CHIEF BREZHNEV'S EXPECTED VISIT TO THE EAST GERMAN PARTY CONGRESS NEXT WEEK. BRANDT HAS ORDERED STATE SECRETARY BAHR TO ASK BUNDESTAG OFFICIALS TO PUT OFF THE MEETING TO A LATER DATE. FOR THE SAME REASON, CDU PARLIAMENTARY LEADER BARZEL HAS DECIDED TO POSTPONE A MEETING OF HIS PARTY'S LEADERS SCHEDULED FOR WEST BERLIN ON 14 JUNE. ]

Otherwise, the general atmosphere of the most recent four-power Berlin session was businesslike. The ambassadors voiced general approval of the constructive manner in which their advisers are attempting to narrow the areas of disagreement, agreed to continue the advisers' discussions this week, and scheduled the next ambassadorial talks for 25 June.

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